THIRD DAY.—*Saturday, 16th June 1934.*

The House reassembled at 3 P.M.

Swearing in of a Member.

Mr. Sylvester Pais took the Oath of Allegiance.

Results of Election from the Representative Assembly to the Legislative Council.

The Dewan announced that the following members had been declared duly elected to the Legislative Council from the Representative Assembly in the election held the previous evening :—

1. Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Aiyangar
2. „ J. Mahomed Imam
3. „ P. Subbarama Chetty
4. „ G. Channappa
5. „ S. C. Mallaiya
6. „ K. Srikantaiya
7. „ T. Madiah Gowda
8. „ B. S. Puttaswami.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*Continued*).

Messrs. K. V. Veeranna, Gurubasappa and **K. C. Subbanna** (Chamarajnagar Taluk) ; **M. C. Linge Gowda** and **S. C. Mallaiya** (Maddur Taluk); **S. H. Anjaneya** and **Y. V. Gundu Rao** (Yedatore Taluk) ; **K. M. Krishnappa Gowda** (Nagamangala Taluk) ; **H. K. Madaiya** and **Puttaswami Gowda** (Malvalli Taluk); **A. Linge Gowda, S. K. Sidde Gowda** and **S. Thimme Gowda** *alias* **Thammayya Gowda** (Krishnarajpet Taluk); **H. Honnaiya** and **M. L. Linganna** (Mandya Taluk); **B. Chamaiya** and **D. Mari Gowda** (Seringapatam Taluk); **Kongalappa** and **P. Basappa** (Gundlupet Taluk); **Patel Sidde Gowda** and **H. Hombe Gowda** (T.-Narsipur Taluk); **D. Chikke Urs** (Periyapatna Sub-Taluk); **Sivananje Gowda** and **Savandayya** (Mysore Taluk); **B. S. Puttaswami** and **T. S. Madappa** (Nanjangud

Taluk); **C. Dasappa** and **Basappa** (Heggaddevankote Taluk); **P. Sannamallappa** (Yelandur Jahgir); **T. Mariyappa** (Mysore City Municipality); **K. Kempe Gowda** (Mandya Municipality); **Mahomed Hussain** *alias* **Sabjan Saheb** (Hunsur Municipality); and **K. Nanjaiya** (Malvalli Municipality).—

Q.—14. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that on the occasion of *Sri Ramanujachar's Tirunakshatram* at the *Srinivasa Devaru* Temple at Belagola, Seringapatam Taluk, the *Shatari Maryade* was offered only to Brahmins but not to non-Brahmin devotees that were present at the time?

(*b*) Is it a fact that the devotees of the taluk have petitioned the Muzrai Commissioner in this matter?

(*c*) Is it a fact that the Taluk Amildar has issued an endorsement to the effect that the *Shatari* could not be used to others than Brahmins?

(*d*) Is this procedure of the temple authorities governed by any rules?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

A.—14. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) An endorsement to the effect that the *Shatari Maryade* to persons other than those belonging to Brahmin, Kshatriya and Vaisya Communities cannot be shown, has been issued by the Amildar.

(*d*) The procedure is based on the practice prevailing in this and other temples of the same denomination.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

May I know if all the non-Brahmins are denied the *Shatari Maryade*?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

Please see the answers to (*a*) and (*c*).

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

Is the Amildar's endorsement in order?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

If you think it is not in order, you may appeal against it.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

Is the procedure in accordance with the rules?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

Please see answer to (*d*).

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

What action has the Deputy Commissioner taken on the petition?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

He has sent it on to the local officers for disposal.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

It is an appeal against the Amildar's endorsement. If you send it on to the Amildar again, what is the use of appealing?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

There was only one endorsement and that was based upon the petition. No one has appealed against that endorsement.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

Are the Government aware that in Sri Vaishnava temples like those at Tirupathi and Srirangam, all the four castes receive the *Shatari Maryade*?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

No.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

Should not the Amildar have sought instructions from the Deputy Commissioner before giving the endorsement?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

Not necessary.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Are not the people belonging to the fourth caste also devotees of the temple?

Dewan.—

The procedure in all temples is based upon *mamool*. It is difficult for Government to go against it.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

In view of the fact that the *maryade* is shown to non-Brahmin devotees in other Vaishnava temples, will the Government be pleased to extend it to this temple also?

Second Member of Council.—

I know it is not done in all temples of this denomination. For instance, even in Mysore City, it is not shown to non-Brahmins in certain temples.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Are Government aware that this is being practised in the Vaishnava temples at Mandya and Seringapatam?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

When we are trying to admit even Harijans into our temples, is it fair to deny this *maryade* to non-Brahmin Hindus?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not a question of fairness or unfairness. If public opinion favours a change, it may be tried.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

How do you define the term *mamool*? And even in these enlightened days, why should we adhere to meaningless *mamools*?

Second Member of Council.—

Any longstanding practice is *mamool*; and how far it should be respected has been discussed by courts of law and decisions have been given in a number of cases that *mamool* should be followed. There are also standing orders of Government that *mamool* should be respected.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

Is the *mamool* based upon any past records in this particular case?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes; otherwise, such an endorsement would not have been given.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

Have the Government consulted Agamiks as to whether this is a longstanding *mamool*?

Second Member of Council.—

Agamiks are not meant to express opinions on such questions. Their duty is quite different.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

In regard to other religious and social matters, has not *mamool* been dispensed with in view of the changing times?

Second Member of Council.—

It might have been so in the case of a few cruel practices. Obviously, this is not a case falling under that category. It is purely a religious question which has to be decided upon its own merits.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

Is it fair to foster such invidious distinctions and perpetuate differences in procedure as between temples situated in one and the same tract or taluk?

Second Member of Council.—

It may vary according to *mamool*. For that matter, can you have one and the same Agama for all temples in any one taluk? Even as between Vaishnava temples, there are different Agamas for different temples.

Mr. M. A. Gopalaswami Iyengar.—

Why not summon a meeting of Pandits with a view to decide the question of *mamool* once for all?

Dewan.—

It is a very difficult matter to interfere with *mamool*.